

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Wet weather

The weather has certainly changed over the last week and there are many signs of Autumn all around us. This change in weather means it is really important that children come to school with a warm, water-proof jacket so they can still get outside and enjoy their surroundings.

Harvest

The change in season also signals Harvest time. Harvest has always been a time to celebrate all that God has provided. At St. Margaret's we will be celebrating harvest particularly thanking God's provision in times of trial, celebrating the many examples of compassion and selfless service we have seen and experienced during the pandemic as well as thanking God for the beauty of creation that we have become more aware of and need to protect. It is now vital that we support those in the community near and far who are struggling due to the pandemic.

From next Monday, we will be collecting tins, packets, toiletries and other non perishable items which we will donating to Maidstone homeless shelter. Please can you send any donations to your child's class where they will be collected together.

This year, we will be celebrating Harvest alongside both Laddingford and Yalding primary schools. There will be a virtual service led by the Vicar and Curate which will be pre-recorded and all three schools in the parish will be involved with its content prior to

recording.

Leading Lights

Since, Friday 18th September the Leading Lights group have been meeting fortnightly during lunchtimes. They are led by Revd Lisa and have been coming up with words to describe harvest which they will use to write prayers to be recorded on an audio file and used during the Harvest video. In the next few weeks they will be thinking about the significance of remembrance.

Diary

Monday 12th Harvest collection starts

Tues 13th Fire Service presentation to all classes

Thurs 15th 11+ (PESE) tests all day

Mon 19th Harvest Service in individual classrooms

Tues 20th and Thurs 22nd Parent-teacher consultations

Fri 23rd End of term 1

Mon 26th–Fri 30th–Holiday

Mon 2nd Nov Staff Development Day—school shut for pupils

Tues 3rd Children return to school

Tues 10th/Wed 11th Nov Maidstone Mediation in to train Year 6

Tues 17th Flu vaccinations for all pupils (separate letter issued)

Breakfast Club

At the end of the term, we say farewell to Mrs Lisa Constable who has assisted with breakfast club from the outset. I would like to thank her for her dedication to a job where more recently she has been travelling from

Maidstone to work from 7.45–9.00am each morning. I know all the pupils will miss her welcoming smiley face. We wish her all the very best. After the holiday, Miss Nelson will be assisting 5 days per week.

FOCSS AGM

Earlier this week, FOCSS held their AGM via zoom and reviewed what has been an usual year. Having said that, they raised over £3000 before all their ideas had to be put on hold. As ever, I am extremely grateful to everyone on the committee who generously give their time. The officers are: Chair—Harriet Breslin, Vice—Chair Jen Scott, Treasurer—Kelly Rigden and Secretary—Cat Peerless following Jo Clare standing down—Many thanks, Jo. They will be sharing their fundraising ideas in the days ahead.

Secondary School

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline to apply for secondary schools is fast approaching. It would be very useful if you could let the office know via e-mail of your first and second choices. Many thanks.

Finally, as the term goes into its 7th week, the children are very tired. We are finding that this is a common theme regardless of age. Please ensure they go to bed at a reasonable time and perhaps the forthcoming holiday shouldn't be too busy either!

Collection for harvest starts on Monday.

Enjoy the weekend.